The Rt. Hon: WILL: PITT Eſq:

A Letter from a Right Hon. Perſon to ------ in the City.

DEAR SIR, Oct. 1761.

FINDING, to my great ſurpriſe, that the cauſe and manner of my reſigning the ſeals, are groſly miſrepreſented in the city, as well as that the moſt gracious and *ſpontaneous* marks of his majeſty's approbation of my ſervices, which marks followed my reſignation, have been infamouſly traduced as a bargain for my forſaking the Public, I am under a neceſſity of declaring the truth of both theſe facts, in a manner which I am ſure no gentleman will contradict. A difference of opinion with regard to meaſures to be taken againſt *Spain*, of the higheſt importance to the honour of the crown, and to the moſt eſſential national intereſts, (and this founded on what *Spain* had already done, not on what that court may farther intend to do) was the cauſe of my reſigning the ſeals. Lord TEMPLE and I ſubmitted in writing, and ſigned by us, our moſt humble ſentiments to his majeſty, which being over-ruled by the united opinion of all the reſt of the king's ſervants, I reſigned the ſeals on Monday the 5th of this month, in order not to remain reſponſible for meaſures, which I was no longer allowed to guide. Moſt gracious public marks of his majeſty's approbation of my ſervices followed my reſignation: They are unmerited and unſolicited, and I ſhall ever be proud to have received them from the beſt of ſovereigns.

I will now only add, my dear Sir, that I have explained theſe matters only for the honour of truth, not in any view to court return of confidence from any man, who with a credulity, as weak as it is injurious, has thought fit haſtily to withdraw his good opinion from one who has ſerved his country with fidelity and ſucceſs; and who juſtly reveres the upright and candid judgment of it; little ſolicitous about the cenſure of the capricious and the ungenerous: Accept my ſincereſt acknowledgments for all your kind friendſhip, and believe me ever, with truth and eſteem,

My Dear Sir,

Your faithful Friend, &c.